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ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE

SUBCOMMITTEE ON ELECTRIC POWER AND SOLID FUELS

TO : Executive Secretary, EIC
FROM : Chairman, EIC Subcommittee on Electric Power and Solid Fuels
SUBJECT: EIC Subcommittee Annual Report, FY'57
REF : EIC-D-235, dated 11 June 1957

A. GENERAL REPORT ON FY'57

The Subcommittee held no meetings and undertook no formal action during fiscal year 1957 because none of the members felt that such activity was necessary, and because of the prolonged illness of the Chairman. Informal coordination of collection activities, discussion of intelligence problems, and agreement on statistics continued, as it has in the past, to meet the needs of the individual members of the Subcommittee. This report will therefore outline the major activities of the individual members, which contributed toward the furtherance of intelligence objectives.

It should be noted that during the past year, the trend evident over the past years continued, which saw the Air Force dealing more exclusively with targeting problems, and CIA with economic analysis. Army Map Service continued to produce the NIS on electric power. Other members have undertaken no major research on electric power and solid fuels in the Soviet Bloc.

Specific research projects completed by various intelligence components are listed in the annex.

B. SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES DURING FY'57

1. Review of Intelligence Product

No activity

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2. Research and Collection Deficiencies

a. Research gaps.

A revision of the priority research deficiencies for electric power which will place more emphasis upon the economic analysis of the industry is being made by the Subcommittee Secretariat.

b. Collection.

A collection requirements guide for electric power information reporting was made by CIA and has proven very useful in general briefings.

3. Review of Substantive Papers

No activity

4. Review of Proposals for External Research

No activity

5. Maintenance of Agreed Basic Statistics

ECE reports and various statistical handbooks published by the USSR have helped establish basic statistics. As in the past, annual agreement on basic statistics on electric power and solid fuels has been obtained through informal liaison.

6. Projects Undertaken at Request of EIC

None

7. Intelligence Research Techniques

No activity

8. Special Coordination Functions

No activity

9. Evaluation of Role of Subcommittee

See general comments

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C. FUTURE PROGRAM

Electric Power

The future research program of CIA will continue to emphasize economic aspects: investment, productivity, consumption. AFOIN will continue targeting and weapons' systems studies. Army Map Service will continue to have responsibility for the NIS program.

Solid Fuels

As in the past, CIA will have the main research responsibility for NIS production, and will undertake an analysis of factors in the growth of the coal industry in the USSR.

"It is expected that the Subcommittee will continue informal coordination, with formal coordination when desirable."

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Secretary

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